REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL AND FEE AUTHORIZATION

Applicant:

Kuehn, et al.

Examiner:

V. Nguyen

Serial No.:

09/694293

Group Art Unit:

3731

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Title:

MITRAL AND TRICUSPID VALVE REPAIR

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10:

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Date of Deposit: May 18, 2004

The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper or fee, as described herein, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service 'Express Mail Post Office To Addressee' service under 37 CFR 1.10 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

By: Chery & Millowan

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

- 1. This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.
- 2. The following are submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

a.	Previously	Submitted
		Amendment/Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on Appeal Brief previously filed on Reply Brief previously filed on Other
b.	⊠Enclosed	
	\boxtimes	Amendment Accompanying Request for Continued Examination Under 37 CFR § 1.114
	П	Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
		Information Disclosure Statement
		Petition for Extension of Time
	₩	Other: Fee Calculation Sheet

3.	a.	cellaneous Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of months. Other:						
4.	Fe a.	⊠Check(s) for required fees						
	b.	☐ The Commissioner is hereby as any overpayments to Deposit Account of the RCE fee of the request for suspons of the Extension of Time 4. ☐ Other:	required under 37 CFR 1.17(e). Dension of action					
	C.	. Payment is made via credit card. (Form PTO-2038 is enclosed)						
	d.	Authorization is hereby given to charge any fees that relate to the filing of the RCE and are necessary to avoid abandonment of this application, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account Number 50-1038. If an extension of time for replying is necessary, the undersigned hereby petitions therefor.						
			Respectfully submitted,					
			Altera Law Group, LLC Customer No. 22865					
Da	ite:	May 18, 2004	By: Hallie A Finucane Reg. No. 33,172 HAF/mar					

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	CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fees			
Total Claims	32	33	0	X \$18.00	\$ 0.00			
Indep. Claims	4	4	0	X \$86.00	\$ 0.00			
RCE Filing Fee					\$770.00			
				TOTAL FEES	\$770.00			

Respectfully submitted,

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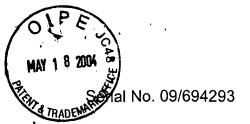
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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

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Dear Sir:

This Reply is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and is responsive to both the final Office Action dated November 18, 2003 and the Advisory Action mailed April 13, 2004.

A Notice of Appeal and Petition for Extension of Time were filed on March 18, 2004, thereby setting a new two month shortened statutory period for filing an Appeal Brief that expires on May 18, 2004. In lieu of an Appeal Brief, Applicants are submitting this RCE and Amendment.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3. Remarks begin on page 9. This response contains no amendments to the

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drawings or specification. Further examination and reconsideration of the present application in view of the amendment and remarks set forth herein respectfully are requested.